

Situation Name:**2022 01 28 – Public Safety – Planned Truck Demonstration – Ottawa****EOC Operations Group SitRep****2022 02 03 / 13:00 hours**

Roll Call	
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ICS = Innovative Client Services Department

NCRCC = National Capital Region Command Centre

OPL = Ottawa Public Library

PEOC = Provincial Emergency Operations Centre

RCFS = Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services

Agenda

1. Welcome / Roll Call
2. Situational Update
3. Section Updates
4. Roundtable
5. Next Steps / Adjourn

1. Welcome / Roll Call (B. Gooding / P. Parenti)

- The meeting was called to order at 13:00 hours.
- P. Parenti conducted roll call.
- B. Gooding: From a city perspective, we are in full preparation mode for the weekend.

2. Situational Update

- T. Caron: Only bridge closed full-time is Portage. Alexandria Bridge south bound is open 6am to 10am.
 - There was an issue overnight at Kent and Queen and also at Kent and Albert. Truckers have taken over the intersections and are not allowing police vehicles through. However, they are allowing access for ambulance and fire.
 - There was an incident between truckers clearing snow and a passerby and an altercation ensued involving pepper spray.
 - Demonstration at Elgin from 12 to 2pm today protesting the Chief. There are currently about 100 people involved. Potentially moving from the police station to the human right monument. Similar demonstration planned for Saturday.
 - B. Gooding: Any sense of the convoys coming this weekend?
 - T. Caron: A lot of chatter on social media but not getting a lot of information on how many will be coming. Convoys coming from Granby, St. Jerome area, west area, farmers from Alexandria.
- T. Pyper: Regarding the Alexandria convoy, latest information received is the convoy will be about 60-70 farm trucks and they will be arriving at 9:30am tomorrow at Coventry and will be stationed there until Sunday.
 - Had a brief sit-rep meeting at 11:30am today. There are some social media threats against the PM.
 - NCRCC will be running 24/7 until at least February 14.
 - About 200 to 300 people at Parliament Hill right now.
 - Protestors at Rideau and Sussex becoming more aggressive.
 - A request received for the Rideau/Sussex intersection where there is significant ice buildup and hoping to get salters there.
 - For awareness, Police Service is being directed to work through protesters' lawyers now.
 - Current situation is very active with lots of isolated requests for garbage pickup.
 - Police Service were requested to support by-law staff with having vehicles towed from Sparks St. There were also a few isolated threats against by-law officers.
 - There was a miscommunication about protection at the Cenotaph. Previously it was believed Defense was going to put up fencing around the cenotaph. However, this will only be done with a formal request. Currently no formal protection in place for the weekend. If we want to prepare a formal request we should do this asap.
 - B. Gooding: I can confirm that we want to formally request the gates/barriers around the Cenotaph. Let's go offline afterward to figure out the process.
- M. Foster: Additional convoys are planned for the GTA on Saturday, February 5, with different meeting points around the GTA and they will then converge on Queen's Park. There's also a farmer's convoy coming as well.
 - There are unconfirmed reports that part of the convoy in Ottawa may move to Toronto on Saturday and then return to Ottawa. Looks like they are trying to decide where to go and best ways to cause disruptions.
 - There is potential for a second convoy from the western provinces coming to Toronto and Western Quebec. There was initial concern that they may come to Ottawa. But because they aren't allowed into downtown Ottawa they may divert to Toronto.
- B. Gooding: We are coordinating various requests and putting things in place for weekend. We are currently preparing for a bigger crowd than last weekend.

3. Section Updates

Public Safety Branch (K. Arnold)

- Busy morning with smaller working parts, but nothing significant.
- Will work on that request for salt/grit at the Rideau/Sussex location.
- Assisted the sewers team to get into a location.
- Moving some barriers and putting out planters, and working with NCC to get them put onto Commissioner Dr.
- Main priority discussed this morning was traffic management plan perimeter work. It's status quo right now. To discuss with S. Roberts and T. Caron before the next update, but I don't believe there are any changes there.
- We talked about the placement of the jersey barriers and that they are being guarded by police officers. Access through those locations are controlled and maintains our emergency access lanes.
- For the evacuation of city staff that are going to be in that area, because the perimeter looks like it will be status quo and using the jersey barriers as the main barrier, we will be limited to what we have for staff. Can discuss with S. Roberts and T. McCumberto determine who is going to have staff on the ground.

Health and Human Needs Branch (M. Lavery)

- In terms of facilities, we can confirm we are going to keep five portable toilets at the Laurier underpass until at least Tuesday. Will reassess this on Monday.
- Ben Franklin Place remains on standby for use by Police, if required.
- Some media reporting with respect to the Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton Park (RCGT), which was originally set up for overflow for trucks. This has turned into a camp. Police are well engaged. It currently is a watch item.
- Public Health has reached out noting there is food preparation. We have not been sending nor will be requesting inspections as this is not a permitted event and in consideration of safety concerns for staff.
 - Follow up on the inquiry made during yesterday's call regarding air pollution; there is a process if we require it. We are being careful within the perimeter and mindful of any enforcement activities.
- No updates from the Library. The Main and Vanier Branches will remain closed until February 6.
- No updates from Human Needs.
- Paramedic Service have reduced their coverage down to one unit for regular operations. They have not responded to any calls within the perimeter. They do have special operation assets dedicated to the Public Order Unit. Forward planning happening for this weekend. They are looking at staff availability to deploy to the NCRCC and possibly standing up their paramedic command centre for Saturday and Sunday.
- The biggest piece for hospitals remains access on the bridges. The 6am to 10am on Alexandria is helpful.
- The biggest concern is having health care worker and patient access. CHEO is reporting some delays with children trying to get to the hospital for cancer treatments. We are working with police partners to get messaging out to the liaison teams hoping to tell the narrative of the far-reaching impacts.
 - B. Gooding: Has there been any discussion about relocating people from the core who need home care to a centralized location outside the perimeter?
 - M. Lavery: Home and Community Care indicated there is approximately 300 within the downtown core who are deemed higher risk, and about 40 to 50 of those who require extreme care. There have been reports of health care workers being harassed. Home and Community Care has been told about reporting to police. We want to make sure we link with the hospital partners if there are any discussions around if we decant the downtown core,

demobilization or evacuations plans for staff. Our health partners would like to understand that so they can make provisions in advance.

4. Roundtable

- C. Rissler: The tone of 3-1-1 calls changing every day. Agents continue to field and track calls.
 - There may be a couple of holding lines required. Foresees receiving more air pollution inquiries.
 - Call volumes remain high.
 - Will be up-staffed through the weekend.
- J. Kaleniecka: Councillors appear to continue going directly to K. Ayotte, S. Kanellakos and other operational staff. Continuing to encourage Councillors to use the Councillor Liaison function.
- A. Lanthier-Seymour: Will be staffed for the weekend. I would like to gather information on impacts (CHEO delays, health care worker harassment) as this would be information the Mayor and others would like to bring attention to so that people understand the true impact. If there are examples, I would appreciate receiving so we can track and develop communications.
- B. Gooding: As a reminder, the decision for the City to declare a State of Emergency is made by Mayor and is based on the recommendations from EOC Control Group. This is being tracked very closely.
- B. Gooding: To summarize, there are a couple of flash points today, but the focus is to hold the perimeter and prepare for the weekend. The weekend is an unknown in terms of who is coming and what numbers. We are preparing for larger numbers than last weekend. NCRCC are preparing to be staffed until February 14 at a minimum.
- T. Caron: It is a fluid situation. Police are being cognizant of the flash points and are dealing with the potential for acceleration should police start putting more pressure on the truckers. A Public Order Plan has been created.
 - B. Gooding: Are we allowing any new vehicles within the perimeter to take spots?
 - T. Caron: There are no in and out privileges. And we are not allowing any trucks into the area with fuel supplies.

5. Next Steps

- P. Parenti: Reviewed the meeting schedule.

The meeting was adjourned at 13:35 hours.

Approved By: Beth Gooding

Position: EOC Operations Group Commander

Date and Time: